

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 140

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to commend Nell Woodard for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nell Woodard is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary life, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a truly remarkable woman, Mrs. Nell Woodard has lived a distinctive life that has involved many different vocations and civic activities; and

WHEREAS, as a young bride, Mrs. Woodard worked at the United States Marine Corps Air Station during World War II; when her husband returned from the war, they owned a grocery store and then farmed, growing tobacco and corn while also operating a milk barn; and

WHEREAS, since settling in Columbia, Mrs. Woodard has worked for Federal Crop Insurance and Cranford Lumber Company; she currently works for the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, involved in her community, Mrs. Woodard dutifully served on the City Council, performed admirably as President of the APTA for three years during which time she chaired the second APTA Spring Pilgrimage; and is a former Chair of the Board of Trustees and current Treasurer of the Tennessee DAR; and

WHEREAS, keeping church membership as her highest priority, Mrs. Woodard was formerly a devout member of the Methodist Church in Spring Hill where she served as a Sunday School teacher for seventeen years as well as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Women's Society, and is currently a faithful member of First United Methodist Church of Columbia, for

which she has served as President of the Ayers-Whitney Class and as an official board member; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Woodard was honored to be the first recipient of the Lucille Queener Courtney Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woodard is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nell Woodard is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mrs. Nell Woodard for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.